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**Abstract:** The textual materials of the Niagara South estate and legal documents collection includes wills and other estate documents, abstracts of land title, letters administration and bargain and sales of land and notes. The bulk of the collection is abstracts of land titles and copies of wills.

**Materials:** Wills, land titles, estate documents, bargain and sale, notes.

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### **Administrative History:**

William Allan, b. 1770 in Aberdeenshire Scotland, was a customs officer, postmaster and later Justice of the Peace in York, Upper Canada. During the War of 1812 he served as Colonel in the York Regiment. William Allan was involved in the Welland Canal Company and an investor in the City of the Falls Company. Allan died in 1853. George William Allan, was the son of William Allan. The folder 1 includes an 1857 indenture of bargain and sale by Robert S. Buchanan to George William Allan and being Range No. 20 in the plan of the City of the Falls property [see separation sheet for physical location], a land abstract refers to Lot No. 145 in the Township of Stamford, two land abstracts referring to Range no. 21 of the City of the Falls Company lands, correspondence regarding the settlement of William Allan's estate and a indenture regarding the sale of Range No. 21 to John A. Orchard by George William Allan.

Abbie Elizabeth Wil[l]son (1869- February 1901), daughter of George M. Wil[l]son, was married to John L. Anderson (1874-1908), a butcher and son of Emily Anderson. They had one child, Ivy May Anderson Wilkie. The Anderson family lived on Barker Street, Niagara Falls

Annie Kerr Moran Barnett (1842-1914) of the village of Falls View, was the wife of Col. Sidney Barnett (1836-1925). Annie K. Barnett left her estate to her daughter, Julia Churchill Barnett. The folder includes an invoice, a typed transcription of probated will and an original envelope with clippings.

Thomas Barnett (1799-1890), first established a museum in 1827 in a former distillery on the north side of Murray Hill, in Queen Victoria Park. Mr. Barnett and his son Sydney went on to build a new building to house the growing museum collection. The museum was known as the Niagara Falls Museum. In the 1870s the museum and other Barnett properties were auctioned off and passed into the hands of his competitor, Saul Davis. The spiral staircase referred to in the lease was likely used to entice visitors to view the falls from a close vantage point, if not from behind what Barnett referred to as the "sheet".

The Frank L. Boyle land abstract refers to Lot No. 421 shown on the Camp Plan No. 747 for the City of Niagara Falls. The property was acquired by the Niagara Falls International Camp Meeting Association from Hiram and John Bender in 1885. The camp later became known as Wesley Park. Frank L. Boyle died in 1955.

Sarah Ann Brokenshaw, married to Luke Brokenshaw of the Village of Niagara Falls, died 28 October 1889. Sarah And Luke Brokenshaw had at least three children, Maria Ann, William and Charles William.

The folder contains the 1895 probated will of Henry Brown (1822-1895) of the village of Niagara Falls, a merchant. The 1879 will indicates that Henry Brown was residing in the village of Drummondville. Henry Brown was first married to Harriet Dalton and after her death married Isabella S. M. Cole (1838-1915), daughter of George and Anna Cole. Surviving children are: Harry Brown, George Brown, Isabella Edna Grace Brown and Eliza E. Brown.

John A. Brown, a farmer, residing in the township of Stamford, died 14 November 1924 and was married to Sarah Ann Brown.

The Buchanan-McMath land documents involve the following individuals: William Oliver and Mary Ellen Buchanan of Montreal and Richard J. McMath of Niagara Falls. The property referred to is building lot number 11 on Buchanan Street, subdivision of Lot No. 27 and part of range 24 as part of the map of the Falls Company's Lands. The file includes two copies.

The Buchanan-Robinson family file consists of a memorandum referring to the title of Range 19 of the Plan of the Niagara Falls Company drawn by James W. Fell; a copy of several legal documents filed with various courts to support claim of ownership by the Buchanan-Robinson family; a memorandum from Georgina Robinson to her sisters and nieces; an indenture between William E. Gardiner, Arthur Wells Robinson, Theodora Josephine Lowen and Joseph Gibbons Cadham; and a lease agreement between Joseph Orr Robinson and Joseph Cadham. Range 19 was bequeathed to Jane Georgina Buchanan Robinson, her sisters and her nieces by her late father James Buchanan (d. 11 October 1851). Jane Georgina Robinson (aka Georgina Robinson) of St. Catharines died 17 November 1885, was married to Joseph Orr Robinson (d. 13 April 1898) and had the following children: Arthur Wells Robinson, James Buchanan Robinson and Theodora Josephine, wife of Ewald Lowen. Robert S. Buchanan may have been the son of James Buchanan, an investor in the City of the Falls Company. Ellen B. Murray is likely the Ellen Butler Murray buried in All Saints Anglican Church cemetery on May 8, 1876. Ellen Butler Murray was the wife of Lt. Gen. John Murray, she was born in Newfoundland. John Murray was a shareholder in the City of the Falls Company. The indenture included in the folder is a transfer of land by the trustees of the last will and testament of the late Lt. Gen. John Murray to Joseph Gibbons Cadham. The named trustees are Charles Thomas Simpson Kevern of England and John Allen Orchard of Drummondville.

William Burns, a farmer, residing in the Township of Willoughby died on 14 February 1916 intestate. The letters of administration were granted to his son Harvey Burns of the Township of Stamford on 10 July 1916.

Joseph Gibbons Cadham was the clerk for the Fourth Divisional Court for Welland County, located in Niagara Falls. In 1902 he entered into an agreement to purchase land from the estate of the late William Allan. The folder contains documents regarding this land transaction.

Mary Callaghan of the township of Stamford, widow of James Callaghan, died 26 July 1885. Mary Callaghan left her estate to her son Elias Balder.

Amy A. Clark, daughter of Walter Waite and wife of Finley Y. Clark, a resident of Saratoga Springs, NY bequeathed to her sister Florence C. Gifhorn and brother Melville Waite her property in Canada. Other bequeaths were made to nieces Mary (or May), Clara and Mildred Waite, Florence Waite Husselback and nephews Harvey Waite and Lloyd L. Bradley. The file also contains a conveyance of property between Florence C. Gifhorn, of Pawtucket Rhode Island and John Wright Hemmings of Niagara Falls. The land abstract refers to Lot No. 7 on the east side of Victoria Street, between Barker Street and Lundy's Lane in the city of Niagara Falls. The land abstract traces land ownership from William Hubbard to Walter Waite in 1865 up until the dispersal of the land by Amy A. Clark as outlined in her will in 1919. [See 1.28 - John Wright Hemmings.

Catharine Clark of the city of Niagara Falls died intestate on the 13 April 1924. Letters administration were granted to her son, James Francis Clark a railway brakeman. Minnie Waters, Josephine Waters, Helen Young, John Clark and James Clark were children of Catharine Clark. The folder includes correspondence, invoice, copy of letters administration and quit claim.

The Colbert (aka Coleman) – Buchanan land abstract refers to Lots 11, 12, 17, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30 on Plan No. 3 situated in the city of Niagara Falls. In 1884 these parcels of land transferred from Frederick C. Dennison to Oliver R. Macklem ending with Frederick W. Hill and Albert Colbert (aka Coleman).

The Cole family estate documents include a copy of the wills of George Edwin Cole, a marble cutter and his wife Deborah Cole, of the village of Drummondville. George Cole died 8 January 1866 and Deborah Cole died 5 April 1867. In a copy of her will she makes bequeaths to her sister Betsy and husband Edward Morse and her sisters in law Ann Cole and Isabella Brown.

James S. Collard (1834-1903) of the village of Stamford was married to Rebecca J. Collard, had sons Frank T. Collard, John C. Collard, daughter Ethel R. Collard (Source:

[http://www.niagarafalls.ca/city\\_hall/departments/parks\\_recreation\\_and\\_culture/cemetery/genealogy/bigPic.asp?pic=fairview/g/0073/5/img\\_0887.jpg](http://www.niagarafalls.ca/city_hall/departments/parks_recreation_and_culture/cemetery/genealogy/bigPic.asp?pic=fairview/g/0073/5/img_0887.jpg)) (October 25, 2007)

Nancy Almira Cook (d. June 2, 1905), wife Abner Cook of the village of Niagara Falls, had daughter Nancy Aurillia Woodruff (husband Richard Woodruff), Carrie Ambrozine Booth (husband Frank D. Booth) and son-in-law Benjamin Spencer.

Theodore W. Cook (1852-1909), son of Abner S. and Nancy Cook, was married to Isabelle A. Thompson (1858-1940). The insurance policy is for a residence on the north side of Ferry street in the village of Niagara Falls. The land abstract refers to Lot No. 56 in the McMicken & Dickson Plan situated in the village of Niagara Falls.

The Edward Creswick land abstract refers to part of Lot No. 22 on the east side of Portage Road or Main Street, south of Robinson Street, in the city of Niagara Falls according to Plan No. 653. The abstract details the transactions of this property from the original grant of 130 acres (all of Lot No. 146) awarded by the crown to James Forsyth in 1798 to the sale between Austin M. Woolnough and his wife and Edward Creswick in 1920.

Rebecca Jane Crosbie, of the village of Niagara Falls, died intestate on 26 April 1901. Letters administration were granted to her husband James Henry Crosbie.

No information on H.A. Cullum or E.H. Cannon? could be located at the time of writing. The document appears to be a legal agreement written on the Prospect House, Niagara Falls Village, Ont. letterhead regarding a dispute between the two parties.

The land abstract refers to Lot. No. 10 on west side of Clark Street in the Village of Niagara Falls, originally owned by Oliver R. Macklem as part of the Lot 27 of the Falls Company Lands. Last land transaction is between Minerva and Herbert A. Cullum and Christina Robertson.

Frank Everett Dalton (1858-1945) of the City of Niagara Falls appears to have owned Lot No. 55 according to Plan 14 of the former village of Niagara Falls, now the City of Niagara Falls. Frank E. Dalton was married to Ella E. Fralick.

The Dart-Fordham land abstract refers to Lot No. 33 on the east side of Ross Street according to Plan No. 219 for the City of Niagara Falls. The abstract documents the ownership of the property from the Estate of Alanson Ross in 1885 to the William Marks Dart and Mary Alice Fordham transaction in 1909.

John Davey, of the village of Drummondville, died on 4 June 1880, was married to Margaret Davey and brother in law to Henry Brown and uncle to Eliza Emily Brown.

The Delaney land abstract refers to Lot No. 56 on the west side of Locus Street according to Plan No. 33 for the Township of Stamford. Later transactions took place between Samuel Delaney and Eugenia Delaney and then Eugenia Delaney and Thomas Delaney.

Jesse Owen Dell, a farmer living in Crowland Township, died on 23 April 1906, intestate. The estate was granted to his wife Sarah Catharine Dell of the same place. Children of Jesse Owen Dell and his wife Sarah may be Jesse Owen Dell, Agnes Phenettie Dell and Elizabeth Catharine Wilson.

Milton Dell (d. 1951) of the Township of Willoughby was married to Elizabeth Dell and had at least two daughters, Winnifred and Lillian.

The James Demas land abstract refers to Lots No. 16 and 60 according to registered Plan No. 40 for the Township of Stamford.

Thomas Drew and his wife Lydia owned Lot. No. 10 in Block S in the Town Plot of Clifton; Lot No. 10 being part of Lot. No. 93 in the Township of Stamford and in the former Village of Elgin. The deed and abstract refer to this property.

The Margaret J. Duncan land abstracts include two abstracts. The first abstract dated 1890, with further addition up until 1923 outlines the transactions referring to Lot No. 36 on the west side of road allowance in front of Lot No. 125 of Stamford Major Leonard Plan plus 2 acres within Lot No. 125. The second abstract dated 1934 refers to part of Lot No. 36 on the west side of road allowance according to Major Leonard Plan having a frontage of 194.9 feet on the west side of Victoria St. (Plan 52) and a depth of 150 feet on the south side of Fredrica St. and being all that part of Lot. No. 36 not subdivided by Plan No. 52.

An article of agreement between George W. Ellis and Dr. Samuel E. Boulter (1859-1918) a veterinarian, both of Niagara Falls on the purchase of Lot No. 14, east side of Main Street south of Peer Street.

Peter Faling, a saddler, and his wife Elizabeth sold to Frederick Hutt, gentleman, parts of Lot No. 130 in the Township of Stamford.

Harriet A. Farr of the city of Niagara Falls, died 18 July 1908. In 1907 and at the time of making her will Harriet A. Farr resided in the Township of Pelham. Harriet A. Farr left her estate to her niece, Margaret Effrick of Niagara Falls and requested burial in her plot in the Dawdy burial ground, also known as the Hillside Cemetery in Ridgeville, Pelham Township. The file includes 4 typed transcriptions of the probated will and two invoices.

James Wilkins Fell (July 5, 1807 – September 13, 1865) was born in Pelham Township, the eldest son of Charles Kinsey Fell and brother of Zenas Fell. He was married first to Rachel Skinner and upon her death to Eliza Ann Hoffman. Mr. Fell received his commission as a Deputy Provincial Land Surveyor in 1835 and opened an office in the village of Chippawa.

Domenico Fimiano of the City of Niagara Falls, died 27 September 1919 intestate. The letters administration were granted to his wife, Maris Donato Fimiano

Sybelia Adelaide Cole Garner died in the Village of Niagara Falls, intestate, on 24 January 1898 at the age of 45. Letters administration were granted to her husband John Hellems Garner, a merchant.

The Garrett land abstract refers to lots marked by an "A" on the Major Leonard Plan situated within Lots No. 125 and 131. The land abstract is accompanied by a hand

drawn map of the lots in question, with markings in red and black ink to indicate specific information.

The Gilchrist land abstract refers to part of Lot No. 13 on the west side of Main St., north of Culp St, according to Village Plan No. 32. The land abstract traces ownership from Henry Trice and his wife in 1902 to ownership by Anna M. Gilchrist and her husband Andrew J. Gilchrist in 1922.

Elizabeth Field Clark Gladstone, b. 29 October 1809; d. 18 April 1897, Capenoch, Dumfriesshire, Scotland. Married Thomas Stuart Gladstone on 2 Sept. 1832. Elizabeth was the daughter of Samuel Clark and Elizabeth Nicholson. She may have been related to Thomas Clark, Stamford Township an original investor in the City of Niagara Falls project. On the 5 May 1887 she sold her interests in Range 12, Township of Stamford, Welland County (also known as Falls Company Lands) to the Commissioners of the Niagara Falls Park. See Niagara South Land Registry Copy Book No. 254, Town of Niagara Falls, Book K Instrument Nos. 2031, 2032.

Mary Elizabeth Glasgow (1826-1900) of Stamford Township was married to William Glasgow (1825-1892) and had one known son, Oliver D'Arcy Glasgow.

Jessie Goodfellow, of Stamford Township, d. December 27, 1924. Mrs. Goodfellow was married to James Goodfellow

Archibald Gray of the Township of Stamford, a blacksmith, died 23 March 1910. Archibald Gray was married to Margaret Henderson (d. 1902), father of William Gray, Charles H. Gray and Jennie T. (husband Hugh) McClive. Other beneficiaries are Florence (or Flora) (wife of William D.) McAlpine. A codicil in 1903 removes William Gray and adds daughters in law Lillias Pearson (mother of Flora) and Hulda Gray.

The William Gray land abstract refers to Lot No. 14 on the east side of Portage Road or Main St. in the village of Niagara Falls (part of Township of Stamford Lot 143). The original deed was granted by the Crown to James Forsyth in 1798.

The Emily Evans Green (1835-1901) land abstract refers to the westerly 44 feet of Lot No. 68 on the north side of Lundys Lane according to the McMicken & Dickson plan. The abstract begins with the 1859 transfer of ownership from William Lowell to William Russell. In 1899, the probate of William Russell's will deeds portions of the property to his daughters Emily Green, Elizabeth Elliott and Emma Pew. In the 1905 probate of her will, Emily E. Green leaves her portion of the property to her husband Alem Green and her daughter Laura.

Alexander Hamilton, Town of Queenston, Andrew Rorback and Matthew Allen both of the Township of Stamford, James Gordon of the Township of Moulton and Peter Lampman of the Township of Niagara acted as trustees for the clergy lands granted to the Protestant Episcopal Church of Saint John in the Township of Stamford. The

letters convey land held in trust to the Minister of the Church of England, William Leeming. The lands mentioned in the conveyance known as the Clergy Glebe Lots No. 72, 88, 89, 106 and total 400 acres in the Township of Stamford.

The Hanover-Spencer land abstract refers to part of Block No. 6 in the City of Niagara Falls described in number 9 of the abstract. William Hanover held the mortgage on the property for Ellen Spencer (1863-1939), wife of William J. Spencer.

Andrew Hawkins died 29 March 1915 intestate in the city of Niagara Falls. Letters administration were granted to his daughter Mary H. Davy of the city of Niagara Falls.

John Wright Hemmings of the city of Niagara Falls died intestate 8 April 1926. John Wright Hemmings was an insurance agent. Letters administration were granted to his widow, Florence L. Hemmings. A copy of the letters administration is included in the folder.

George Henderson of the City of St. Catharines died intestate on 24 November 1904. At the time of his death George Henderson was an employee of the Grand Trunk Railway. Letters administration were granted to his son James Knox Henderson of the Town of Niagara Falls, a tinsmith. The folder also includes an invoice with original envelope.

Margaret Herdsman (1845-1916) resided on Highland Avenue in the city of Niagara Falls. Margaret Herdsman was married to Joseph W. Herdsman (1842-1931). Bequeaths were made, in addition to those to her husband, to her brother Alexander McClive, a friend Nettie Inlah, niece Isabel McClive. Executors were her brother Hugh McClive and James H. Dobbie.

Thomas A. Horton, abstract of title for Lot 85, according to Lord and Edwards Plan Number 3039.

The Thomas H. Jarvis land abstract refers to Lot No. 239 in the City of Niagara Falls shown upon Camp Plan No. 747. The property originated with Hiram and John Bender in 1885 and ends in 1924 with Thomas H. Jarvis.

Harry B. Kennedy and Georgina Kennedy, abstract of title for Lot 10 on the east side of Portage Road, west of Lundys Lane in the Village of Niagara Falls, according to Village Plan No. 653 (formerly part of Lot 130 Township of Stamford), 1897.

Duewillis Kent, a retired construction man and a resident of Niagara Falls for 42 years, passed away May 13, 1933 at the age of 82. Mr. Kent was born in Prince Edward County. He was a member of Cataract Lodge No. 103 of the L.O.O.F. and the Black Knights. Mr. Kent resided at 1756 Robinson Street, Niagara Falls.



John Law died 19 September 1882 in the Township of Stamford. John Law, husband to Margaret White (d. 1849) left the bulk of his estate to his daughters Margaret Law and Mary Law, his nephew [grandson] Parker Rowland and his sons George Law and John Law.

Richard Leonard of the Township of Stamford was a Major in His Majesty's 104<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot and Sheriff of the District of Niagara. Richard Leonard left the bulk of his estate to his wife Frances and Rev. William Leeming, both of the township of Stamford and to Samuel Peters Jarvis of the Town of York. Known son is Charles Maitland Leonard others are referred to in the will, but not mentioned by name. The original will (of which a copy is included) is dated 1832 with an attached codicil in 1833. Richard Leonard's homestead was called Drummond Hill Farm. Includes a typed transcript. This may be the Richard Leonard that is referred to elsewhere in this collection in the "Major Leonard Plan".

Zenas Beach Lewis (1833-1921) was married to Ellen Palmer Lewis (1834-1925). The land abstracts refer to Lots 87 and 98 in Stamford Township.

Andrew Lightbody (b. 1828?) was the postmaster of the village of Douglas, Garafraxa Township, Wellington County ca. 1869. Item no. 20 on the inventory is a report presented to Alexander and Thomas Lightbody dated 15 May 1752 regarding the condition of buildings near Carluke, County Lanark, Scotland. Thomas Lightbody may have been Andrew Lightbody's father or grandfather. Item no. 23 is a certificate presented to tourists who visited Niagara Falls, dated 1857 and signed by Thomas Barnett.

The Macklem land abstract refers to Block 27 of the Falls Company Lands Plan No. 32 now being in the Village of Niagara Falls and Range 24 of the Falls Company lands situated east of Buchanan Street, South of Block 27 now in the Village of Niagara Falls shown on Plan 32. It appears that the properties were in the possession of Julia Macklem and upon her death were sold by her executors to Frederick C. Denison.

The William N. MacLeod estate documents include a copy of a probated will and a land abstract that refers to parts of lots 6, 7, 38 & 39 according to Plan No. 1328 for the Township of Stamford, described in Instrument No. 7891. William Neynoe MacLeod died 14 April 1928. William and Margaret MacLeod had the following children: Georgina Elizabeth MacLeod, Marion Jean MacLeod, Keith Cawthorne MacLeod, Harold Stewart MacLeod and Doris Catherine Pook.

John McGilley, of the Village of Drummondville died 7 March 1879. Beneficiaries of John McGilley's will were his nephew John Hamilton, John A. Orchard, Lizzie Kick, daughter of Maria Kick, Johanna Shea, daughter of John Shea, all of Drummondville. A codicil made a bequeath to Joseph C. Woodruff of Drummondville.

The McKenzie-Preston land abstract refers to part of Lot No. 143 in the Township of Stamford being transferred from Donald McKenzie and his wife Catherine McKenzie of Stamford Township to Fred J. Preston . McKenzie could also be spelled Mackenzie.

Donald McKinnon of the City of Niagara Falls, bequeathed his entire estate to his wife, Catharine McKinnon. The folder contains his last will and testament and legal document regarding ownership of Lot. No. 596 according to Wesley Park Plan 746 for the Town of Niagara Falls.

Elizabeth McLaren of Stamford Township was married to Charles McLaren.

The McLeod-Berriman land abstract refers to parts of Lot Nos. 5, 15 and 26 in the Township of Stamford. The abstract details the transactions of this property from the original grant of 200 acres awarded to Peter Medaugh in 1803 to the mortgage between Keith C. McLeod, Howard S. McLeod and Thomas Berriman in 1911.

Richard J. McMath (d. 1908) held an insurance policy with the City of London Fire Insurance Company. The policy was also signed by Isabella Robinson of the City of Niagara Falls. The folder also includes a mortgage agreement between Richard J. McMath and Isabella Robinson, dated 1888 and an indenture transferring the mortgagee from Isabella Robinson to Joseph Gibbons Cadham. [See also 1.67-Buchanan-McMath land documents].

William Frederick Misener, (1858-1923) had the following siblings: Herman R. Misener, Chester C. Misener, Ella C. Misener and John Misener.

Jacob Morningstar (d. 2 May 1923) a farmer from Willoughby Township died intestate. The letters administration were granted to his brother, Martin Morningstar of Willoughby Township.

The Thomas Murphy land abstract refers to Lot No. 640 according to Camp Plan No. 2628 for the Township of Stamford.

The William H. Newman land abstract refers to Lot No. 12 on the north side of Jepson Street in the City of Niagara Falls as shown on Plan No. 33 which is a subdivision of part of Township Lot No. 112 in the Township of Stamford. The abstract documents the ownership of the property from Enoch Durham in 1869 to William H. Newman in 1913.

Niagara Falls International Camp Meeting Association, and Town of Niagara Falls, Lot No. 569, as shown on Plan No. 746 for the City of Niagara Falls.

John Allen Orchard, (1815-1896) was born in Devonshire England and came to Canada in 1835. Mr. Orchard was a bailiff and clerk of the Court as well as an auctioneer. He was an uncle to Joseph Gibbons Cadham. The Orchard family

lived on Culp Street. In 1887, John A. Orchard was appointed a commissioner to the Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park, later to become the Niagara Falls Parks Commission.

George and Margaret Orsborn owned Lot No. 954 in the Camp Plan.

The Oswald-Hanover land abstract refers to Lots No. 770 and 785 in the Camp Plan No. 2628 in the Township of Stamford and originated as the Wesley Park International Camp Grounds.

The Pew land documents refer to a bargain and sale from John Pew to J. Harrison Pew, both of the Township of Stamford. The deed is dated 23 June 1875 and was registered with the county 27 August 1875. The folder also contains a land abstract for William Pew for part of Lot No. 142 in the Township of Stamford.

Emanuel Pidgeon, of Stamford Township, died 27 September 1897 and was married to Elizabeth Pidgeon (daughter of Robert Browning) and had an adopted daughter, Lilly Pidgeon

The Price-Welch land documents refer to Lot No. 5 in Block 2 in the Town of Clifton. John Price, a fireman, from the Town of Clifton purchased the property from Joseph Welch, a cabman, of Drummondville.

Elijah Read (1850-1918), a gardener of Stamford Township was married to Anna Read (1854-1918) and had daughters Mabel Edna and Nettie Gertrude.

Minnie Perry Read of the Township of Stamford died 27 April 1919 intestate. Minnie was married to Frederick Arthur Read, a plumber. The letters of administration appoint her husband to pay her debts and distribute her property.

Jane Chadwick Roberts (1823-1901) of the Village of Niagara Falls was the widow of John Roberts (1822-1888), a clergyman. The administration of her will was granted to Joseph Gibbons Cadham and Joseph Morgan. The bulk of the estate was bequeathed to the daughters of her late husband and his first wife Susan Marsh (1818 -1873) with a small portion going to her sister Mary Nash.

Thomas G. Robinson, farmer, died 28 May 1912 intestate in the Township of Stamford. Letters administration were granted to his brother Alphonso James Robinson in the same year.

The John Robinson affidavit traces land ownership of Lot. No. 596 in the Wesley Park Plan No. 746, Niagara Falls from its original purchase by John Robinson from Harry J. Burtiss in 1893 to Flora McHattie in 1918.

Nicola Rosanio (1886-1918) died in the Township of Stamford intestate. Letter administration were granted to his wife, Maria Giuseppe Rosanio

Alanson Ross (d. June 17, 1885) arrived in Niagara Falls from Pennsylvania in the 1820s. He was in the carriage making business with John Misener. In 1826 he established the Ross Carriage Factory behind his home on Main Street. Currently the house is the site of the Patterson Funeral Home. Mr. Ross was married to Rachel (d. January 16, 1886) and had a sister Caroline P. Ross and a brother Charles R. Ross.

Joseph Rothschild, a soldier from the city of Niagara Falls, died somewhere in France on 28 September 1918. Joseph Rothschild was a corporal in B Company, the 176<sup>th</sup> Battery when he executed his will in 1916. He left his estate to his mother, Frances Ann Rothschild of Wapping, London, England. Private Joseph Rothschild of Princess Patricia's Light Infantry (Eastern Ontario Regiment) appears on a memorial to war dead on the Cantimpre Canadian Cemetery Saily. (Source: <http://www.britishwargraves.org.uk/gravedetails.asp?id=815025> Date: November 23, 2007) The folder includes two copies as well as the original probated will.

The Sewell-Campbell land abstract refers to Lot No. 115 of the Township of Stamford.

Letters of administration regarding the estate of Eliza Shrimpton, wife of James Shrimpton of the Township of Stamford who died 29 July 1887. The letters of administration name her son, George Shrimpton, her sole heir as she died intestate.

George Smith was married to Catherine Ester Smith.

Henrietta Smith of Niagara Falls leased by way of a mortgage to Joseph G. Cadham of Niagara Falls, Niagara Falls International Camp Meeting Association Lot No. 746. The file includes a copy of the agreement.

The John Smith land abstract refers to part of Range 23 lying between Allen and Stanley Streets as laid down on Plan of the City of the Falls, and being part of Lot No. 143 in the Township of Stamford. The abstract details the transactions of this property from the original grant awarded to James Forsyth in 1798 to the quit claim between William Thompson and John Smith.

Ernest John Soden (1868-1926), fruit grower lived in Stamford Township and had a brother Alfred Henry Soden.

The Louis J. St. Denis land abstract refers to Lot No. 5 in Range 4, North of Chestnut St. in Niagara Falls as shown on plan No. 632.

The George Steele land abstracts refers 1) to two parts of Range 11 lying between Stanley Street and Portage Road and being from the Plan of the Falls Company's Land in Stamford Township. The two parts originally purchased from the Falls Company by James Buchanan then sold to Richard Steele. And 2) to part of Range

10 lying between the Portage Road and Stanley Street in the Township of Stamford, as shown on the City of the Falls Plan. The abstract begins with the registration of the Plan in 1853 and ceases with the recording of a mortgage between George Steele and Jane Steele. George Steele was a son of Richard Steele.

The Carl Steinbrenner land abstract refers to Lot No. 54 according to Plan No. 28 for the Township of Stamford.

Charles W. Stephens, a locomotive engineer from the City of Niagara Falls, died 6 February 1911. Charles W. Stephens was the son of James (d. 27 September 1888) and Wilhelmina Stephens and the brother of John H. Stephens (wife Emma) James B. Stephens (wife Agnes) and Hattie G. Stephens and Sarah Kimmins (husband John). John Kimmins was the Chief of Police in Niagara Falls. The file also contains a "release of executor" form signed by Hattie G. Stephens attesting to her receiving her inheritance from her brother Charles W. Stephens.

Samuel Stephenson of Thorold Township died 20 August 1905. Samuel was married to Selina Susan Stephenson and had sons Thomas Stephenson, Charles Stephenson and Rossie Russell Stephenson and daughters Martha Pratt and Sarah Horton. Other beneficiaries include Rhoda Stephenson, Mary Agnes Franks, Elgin Lloyd Stephenson and grand-daughter Ethel Blackburn (daughter of Samuel Blackburn).

Samuel Street (1775-1844) of the Township of Stamford, husband to Abigail Hyde Ransom. The probated will names his son, Thomas Clark Street, as executor. The probated will is a modern typed transcription of the original.

The Barnett-Street lease agreement includes the signature of Thomas Clark Street. Thomas Clark Street (1814?-1872), acting as agent for the Niagara Falls Company in this matter, was the son of Samuel Street and Abigail Ransom. Thomas, a lawyer and businessman, had inherited a considerable fortune from his father. He was a director and president of the Niagara Falls Suspension Bridge Company and had other significant business ties to the Niagara Falls community.

The Summers-Gordon land abstract refers to Lot. No. 137 in the Township of Stamford, and more specifically described in mortgage, Instrument No. 1599. The land was initially granted to William Pew in 1797.

Annie Szabo died intestate in the Township of Stamford on 1 September 1912. The estate documents grant letters of administration to her husband Joseph Szabo, a labourer.

Carmen Talerico died intestate in the city of Niagara Falls on 21 May 1922. The letters of administration were granted to his wife, Elizabeth Talerico.

Archibald R. Thompson, a farmer, residing in the Township of Stamford, died 19 December 1924. Archibald Thompson was married to Catherine (d. 1927) and had the following children: Margaret, Daniel M. Thompson, Archibald Alfred, Christopher A. and James R. (d. 1892). The will also includes the names of several grandchildren – William Bracken, Jean Bracken, Archibald Thompson and Thomas Thompson.

John Thompson of the Township of Stamford, died 1 October 1867. John Thompson was married to Naomi Clough. The probate of the will dated 1868 leaves his estate to his wife Naomi and his children Mary Clows Thompson, Marriion Thompson, Amelia Thompson, Jane Gonder Thompson, Susan Thompson, Isabel Thompson. [See also 1.59 -Susan Thompson estate documents in this collection].

Susan Thompson (d. Feb. 2, 1911; age 66) of Stamford Twp., Welland County, daughter of John (1797-1867) and Naomi (Clough) Thompson, sister of Mary, Amelia and Jane Thompson and Isabel (husband Benjamin) Lundy and Marion (husband John) Law. [Source: Old Thompson Family Burying Ground, OGS #5753]

The Thompson-Hague land abstract refers to Lots Nos. 45 and 47 on the west side of Myrtle Avenue as shown on Plan No. 31 for the Town of Welland. In 1911 Peter Thompson and his wife sold these lots to Fred Hague.

Thomas Allison Vanderburg (1860-1923), a power house operator, was married to Josephine Vanderburg. Mrs. Vanderburg's nephew, William Haun, acted as executor.

The Vanderburg-Henning land abstract refers to the northwest one quarter of Block No. 47 according to the Plan of Falls Company's Lands in the Township of Stamford. The abstract documents the ownership of the property from the original grant to Francis Ellsworth in 1798 to the Charles A. Vanderburg and Robert W. Henning transaction in 1918. Included is a hand coloured sketch of Block 47 which is bordered by Dunn and Dixon streets.

Raymond Weaver of the Township of Willoughby, a farmer, died intestate on 1 October 1921. Letters administration were granted to his brother, Frank Weaver of the Village of Chippewa, a thresher. A typed written transcription is also included.

George Welstead of the Township of Stamford d. 19 June 1927, was the husband of Harriet Welstead and father of Alfred, Norman and Henry Welstead.

Julia Williams of the Township of Stamford died on 24 February 1873. Julia Williams was married to John William. At the time of writing her will, he was residing somewhere in the United States. Julia Williams bequeathed to her daughters Catharine (husband George) Smith, Lizzie (husband Noah) Sutton, Mary (husband William) Albert, Julia Williams, Margaret Williams and Emily Williams the bulk of her

estate. The folder also contains an 1856 deed of bargain and sale between Alanson Ross [See also 1.47 Alanson Ross estate documents] and Julia Williams.

The Willox family papers includes cancelled cheques, receipts, invoices, deeds, indentures, land abstracts, notices, correspondence and probate and last will and testament. James Willox (d. 1882), a miller residing in the village of Niagara Falls at the time of his death, was married to Margaret Robb Willox (d. 1909) and had the following children: William Alexander (wife Minnie), later of Anniston, Alabama, USA, Mary (wife of Joseph Gibbons Cadham), James and Charles Edward. Joseph G. Cadham acted as an agent for Margaret Willox.

The Willson-Spence land document is an indenture for the sale of part of Lot No. 148 in the Township of Stamford by Robert (1791-1872) and Hannah Willson (1794-1872) to Henry Spence (1809-1894), a bricklayer by profession. The indenture is in 7 fragments, one fragment appears to be missing. The property appears to have been part of an estate settlement on Hannah Willson. [See also RG 169 – The Irish John Willson United Empire Loyalist Family Papers]

Austin M. Woolnough and wife, abstract of title, 1909 for lot number 5 on the north side of Maitland Street in the Township of Stamford, as shown on Plan Number 29.

The Reuben W. Wright land abstract refers to part of Lot No. 143 in the City of Niagara Falls lying between Barker Street and Lot No. 7 on the east side of Victoria Street as shown on Plan No. 653. This lot was originally granted to James Forsyth in 1798. Lot No. 5, being a division of Lot No. 143 was deeded to Reuben W. Wright in 1920.

William H. and Mary Louisa Wright were the mortgagers and Joseph G. Cadham was the mortgagee. The property referred to is Lot No. 158 in the Township of Stamford. In blue pencil "In Trust" Willox Estate. [See also 1.64 Willox Family papers in this collection]

### **Scope and Content:**

The bulk of the materials consist of land and estate documents created by and for the individuals named. The folders are in alphabetical order according to the last name of the principal individual named in the documents. The collection consists of three series; Series I. Estate documents, Series II. Land documents and Series III. Various documents.

**Organization:** The records are arranged alphabetically into three series.

Series I. Estate documents, 1847, 1853, 1856-1857,

1865-1868, 1870-1873, 1875, 1877, 1879-1885,  
1887, 1889-1890, 1892-1916, 1918-1926, 1928-  
1929, 1931, 1933-1934, n.d.

Series II. Land documents, 1843, 1846-1848, 1856,  
1868, 1871-1872, 1874-1877, 1879-1882, 1884-  
1892, 1894-1897, 1902-1903, 1908-1909, 1913,  
1916-1917, 1920 1927-1928, 1932, 1934

Series III. Various documents, 1752, 1857, 1887,  
1889-1900, 1910

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**Inventory:**

**Series I. Estate documents 1847, 1853, 1856-1857,  
1865-1868, 1870-1873, 1875, 1877, 1879-1885, 1887,  
1889-1890, 1892-1916, 1918-1926, 1928-1929, 1931,  
1933-1934, n.d.**

- 1.1 William Allan and George William Allan estate documents, 1857, 1865, 1870-1871, 1897, 1902; includes land documents and correspondence [See also 1.68 – J.G. Cadham land documents]
- 1.2 Abbie E. and John L. Anderson estate documents, 1901, 1904, 1910, 1934; includes wills, clippings and correspondence
- 1.3 Annie K. Barnett estate documents, 1914; includes invoice, probated will, envelope with clippings
- 1.4 Sarah Ann Brokenshaw estate documents, 1847, 1883, 1889-1890, 1902-1903, n.d.; includes a will and correspondence
- 2.1 Luke Brokenshaw estate documents, 1873; includes two copies of the exemplification of the last will and testament and letters testamentary. Also included is an abstract of part of Lot 143 in the Township of Stamford [4 items]
- 1.5 Henry Brown estate documents, 1879, 1895
- 1.6 John A. Brown estate documents, 1924; includes correspondence and invoice
- 1.7 Buchanan-Robinson family estate documents, 1853, 1856, 1885, 1894, 1896, 1899-1900, 1902; includes deed between Robert S. Buchanan and Charles Ellis, land abstract with sketch and correspondence
- 1.8 William Burns estate documents, 1916
- 1.9 Mary Callaghan estate documents, 1877, 1885; includes original envelope



- 1.10 Amy A. Clark estate documents, 1865, 1881, 1913, 1919; includes copy of will with codicils, indenture and land abstract
- 1.11 Catharine Clark estate documents, 1925-1926; includes correspondence, invoice and copy of letters administration, and quit claim
- 1.12 Cole family estate documents, 1866-1867
- 1.13 James S. Collard will, October 15, 1902
- 1.14 Nancy Almira Cook estate documents, 1912; includes copies of probated will
- 1.15 Rebecca Jane Crosbie estate documents, 1902
- 1.16 John Davey letters testamentary, 1880; includes will
- 1.17 Jesse Owen Dell estate documents, 1906, 1907; includes correspondence
- 1.18 Milton Dell estate documents, 1919
- 1.19 Thomas and Lydia Drew land documents, 1871-1872; includes land abstract and deed
- 1.20 Harriet A. Farr estate documents, 1910; includes copies of probated will and invoices
- 1.21 Domenico Fimiano estate documents, 1919
- 1.22 Sybelia Adelaide Garner estate documents, 1898
- 1.23 Elizabeth Field Gladstone estate documents, 1897; includes affidavit
- 1.24 Mary Elizabeth Glasgow estate documents, 1898
- 1.25 Jessie Goodfellow estate documents, 1926
- 1.26 Archibald Gray estate documents, 1910
- 1.27 Andrew Hawkins estate documents, 1916; includes correspondence
- 1.28 John Wright Hemmings estate documents, 1926 [See also 1.10 – Amy Clark estate documents]
- 1.29 George Henderson estate documents, 1905; includes invoice and original envelope
- 1.30 Margaret Herdsman estate documents, 1916
- 1.31 Duewillis Kent estate documents, 1933; includes transfer agreement
- 1.32 John Law estate documents, 1882
- 1.33 Richard Leonard estate documents, 1892
- 1.34 William N. MacLeod estate documents, 1911, 1921, 1929; includes probate of will and land abstract
- 1.35 John McGilley estate documents, 1879
- 1.36 Donald McKinnon estate documents, 1902, 1918
- 1.37 Elizabeth McLaren will, 1902
- 1.38 William Frederick Misener estate documents, 1923
- 1.39 Jacob Morningstar estate documents, 1923
- 1.40 John Murray estate documents, 1879
- 1.41 Emanuel Pidgeon estate documents, 1895
- 1.42 Elijah Read estate documents, 1919; includes invoices

- 1.43 Minnie Read estate documents, 1921, n.d.; includes letters of administration (original and two copies) and auctioneers tally sheet
- 1.44 Jane Roberts estate documents, 1902
- 1.45 Thomas G. Robinson estate documents, 1913
- 1.46 Nicola Rosanio estate documents, 1918
- 1.47 Alanson Ross estate documents, 1856, 1910
- 1.48 Joseph Rothschild estate documents, 1920
- 1.49 Eliza Shrimpton letters of administration, 1887
- 1.50 George Smith will, 1882
- 1.51 Ernest John Soden estate documents, 1926
- 1.52 Charles W. Stephens estate documents, 1909, 1911, 1912, n.d.; includes probate of will, quit claim deed, and notes
- 1.53 Samuel Stephenson estate documents, 1905, n.d.; includes invoices, inventory of real and personal property, probate of will and clipping.
- 1.54 Samuel Street estate documents, 1893
- 1.55 Annie Szabo estate documents, 1923
- 1.56 Carmen Talerico estate documents, 1922
- 1.57 Archibald R. Thompson estate documents, 1925
- 1.58 John Thompson estate documents, 1868
- 1.59 Susan Thompson estate documents, 1909, 1920; includes a copy of a will and correspondence
- 1.60 Thomas Allison Vanderburg estate documents, 1914; includes a copy of a will
- 1.61 Raymond Weaver estate documents, 1923
- 1.62 George Welstead estate documents, 1928, 1931
- 1.63 Julia Williams estate documents, 1856, 1873
- 1.64 Willox family papers, 1873, 1875, 1882-1884, 1901, 1903, 1905-1906, 1908, 1910-1912, 1914-1915, ; includes cancelled cheques, receipts, invoices, deeds, indenture, land abstract, notices, correspondence, probated will [See also RG 153 Willox Estate Files for additional records]

**Series II. Land documents, 1843, 1846-1848, 1856, 1868, 1871-1872, 1874-1877, 1879-1882, 1884-1892, 1894-1897, 1902-1903, 1907-1911, 1913-1914, 1916-1917, 1919-1920, 1924, 1926-1928, 1932, 1934 1937**

- 1.65 Barnett-Street lease agreement, 1846; lease refers to spiral stair case at Table Rock.
- 1.66 Frank L. Boyle land abstract, 1909, 1913
- 1.67 Buchanan-McMath land documents, 1887
- 1.68 J.G. Cadham land documents, 1902; includes copy of signed purchase agreement, invoices, correspondence, mortgage and

- original envelope [See also 1.1 – William Allan and George William Allan estate documents]
- 1.69 Colbert (aka Coleman)-Buchanan land abstract, 1886, 1894
  - 1.70 Theo. W. Cook – Margaret Willox land documents, 1887, 1889
  - 1.71 Edward Creswick land abstract, 1909, 1920
  - 1.72 H.A. Cullum - E.H. Cannon document, 1896; on Prospect House letterhead
  - 1.73 Cullum-Robertson land abstract, 1884, 1917
  - 1.74 Frank E. Dalton land abstract, 1908
  - 1.75 Dart-Fordham land abstract, 1909
  - 1.76 Delaney land abstract, 1928, 1932
  - 1.77 James Demas land abstract, 1908
  - 1.78 Margaret J. Duncan land abstracts, 1890, 1934
  - 1.79 Ellis-Boulter land documents, 1894
  - 1.80 Faling-Hutt bargain and sale, 1847
  - 1.81 James W. Fell survey, 1856
  - 1.82 Charles E. and Emma M. Garrett land abstract, 1879, 1885
  - 1.83 Gilchrist land abstract, 1927
  - 1.84 William Gray land abstract, 1892, 1903
  - 1.85 Emily E. Green land abstract, 1916
  - 1.86 Alexander Hamilton et al, Trustees and William Leeming conveyance, 1843, 1868, 1879; includes a copy of the notarized conveyance and written opinion by J.N. Cameron, Toronto
  - 1.87 Hanover-Spencer land abstract, 1917
  - 1.88 Thomas H. Jarvis land abstract, 1907, 1924
  - 1.89 Zenas B. Lewis land abstract, 1876
  - 1.90 Macklem-Denison land abstract, 1884
  - 1.91 McKenzie-Preston land abstract, 1877
  - 1.92 McLeod-Berriman land abstract, 1911
  - 1.93 R. J. McMath land documents, 1888, 1891
  - 1.94 Thomas Murphy land abstract, 1911, 1926
  - 1.95 William H. Newman land abstract, 1909, 1913
  - 1.96 George and Margaret Orsborn land abstract, 1937
  - 1.97 Oswald-Hanover land abstract, 1895, 1911
  - 1.98 Pew land documents, 1872, 1874-1875, 1882, 1889; includes deed, land abstract
  - 1.99 Price-Welch land documents, 1871
  - 1.100 Louis J. St. Denis land abstract, 1886; includes correspondence
  - 1.101 Sewell-Campbell land abstract, 1890, 1896
  - 1.102 Henrietta Smith land documents, 1887
  - 1.103 John Smith land abstract, 1875
  - 1.104 George Steele land abstract, 1911, 1914
  - 1.105 Carl Steinbrenner land abstract, 1917
  - 1.106 Summers-Gordon land abstract, 1880, 1881
  - 1.107 Thompson-Hague land abstract, 1910-1911
  - 1.108 Vanderburg-Henning land abstract, 1919; includes hand

- coloured sketch
- 1.109 Willson-Spence land document, 1848 [7 fragments]
- 1.110 Reuben W. Wright land abstract, 1910
- 1.111 Wright-Cadham mortgage, 1885
- 2.2 Thomas A. Horton abstract of title, 1919
- 2.3 Harry B. Kennedy and Georgina Kennedy abstract of title, 1897
- 2.4 Town of Niagara Falls, Niagara Falls International Camp Meeting Association, 1910
- 2.5 Austin M. Woolnough abstract of title, 1909

**Series III. Various documents, 1752, 1857, 1887,  
1889-1900, 1910**

- 1.112 Andrew Lightbody inventory; also includes Niagara Falls, CW certificate, and correspondence regarding condition of buildings in Carluke, Lanark County, Scotland noted on inventory, 1752, 1857, n.d.
- 1.113 John A. Orchard commission, 1887
- 1.114 Orphan documents, 1889-1900, n.d.
- 1.115 John Robinson affidavit, 1910

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**Added Entries:** 600

**Subject Access:** 650 Stamford (Ont. : Township)|xHistory.  
650 Land titles|zOntario|zWelland (County)  
650 Land titles|zOntario|zStamford (Township)  
650 Wills|zOntario|zStamford (Township).

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**Related Materials:**

RG 153 Willox Estate Files

RG 169 – The Irish John Willson United Empire Loyalist Family Papers

**Material Held at other Repositories:**